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## PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

**Entomological Society of Washington.**—June 7, 1894.—The 100th regular meeting. Twenty-two members present. Mr. Charles Palm, of New York City, elected a corresponding member. President Ashmead made some brief remarks congratulating the Society upon attaining its 100th meeting and upon its prosperous career and prospects. The Recording Secretary, Mr. Howard, read a review of the work of the Society during the past ten years. Mr. Pergande presented certain additional observations upon the habits of *Ammophila gryphus* for publication. Mr. Benton read a paper entitled "Observations on the Mating of Queens of *Apis mellifica*," showing that the queens mate twice. Discussed by Messrs Riley, Gill, Schwarz and Pergande. Mr. Chittenden presented for publication some biological notes on certain Coleoptera. Mr. Schwarz presented a paper on the composition and extent of the Coleopterous fauna of Alaska, giving a lengthy outline of the history of the entomological exploration of that country, commenting upon the results of a trip taken by himself and Mr. H. G. Hubbard in 1892 through parts of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and showing that the Alaskan fauna predominates along the coast range of Oregon and Washington. Discussed by Dr. Gill. Mr. Schwarz also read some notes on the West Indian Sugarcane Borer (*Xyleborus perforans*) and showed the difficulty of determining whether this insect really occurs in the United States. Discussed by Messrs Riley and Howard. Under the head of short notes and exhibition of specimens, Mr. Heidemann exhibited certain rare Pentatomids and Professor Riley announced the rearing of perfect females of *Margarodes*. He showed that *Margarodes* and *Porphyrophora* are synonyms.

L. O. HOWARD,  
*Recording Secretary.*

**N. Y. Academy of Sciences, Biological Section, May 14.**—The following papers were read:—

Professor E. B. Wilson, "Experiments on the Horizontal Isotropy of the Egg;" Dr. Arnold Graf, "On the funnels and vesiculæ terminales of *Nephelis*, *Clepsine* and *Autostoma*;" O. S. Strong, "On Lithium bichromate as a hardening reagent for the Golgi method."

BASHFORD DEAN,  
*Rec. Sec. of Section.*

**Boston Society of Natural History, May 16.**—The following paper was read :

Mr. A. W. Grabau: Ancient and modern channels of the Genesee River. Stereopticon views were shown.

SAMUEL HENSHAW,  
*Secretary.*

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### SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

**Professor G. J. Romanes.**—We have to announce the recent sudden death of Professor Romanes. He was born in Kingston, Canada, in 1848, and graduated at Cambridge, England, in 1870. In 1873 he was Burney prize essayist, and Croonian lecturer in 1875. His first important investigation was on the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system of the Medusae, and he first placed our knowledge of this subject on a definite basis. His works on the evolution of mind in the lower animals and man are the best we have on the subject. He was a prolific writer on evolution, and leaned sometimes to the Neolamarkian, sometimes to the Neodarwinian opinions. In his latest work he revised the opinions of Weismann, and showed the important modifications which they have undergone. The death of Professor Romanes is a serious loss to science.

**The Peary Auxiliary Expedition.**—The members of this expedition dined together at St. Georges Hotel, Brooklyn, June 17th, preparatory to taking passage on the steamer Portia for St. Johns, N. B. A farewell dinner was given to Henry G. Bryant, the leader of the expedition and his colleagues at the Art Club, Philadelphia, on June 18th by the members of the advisory committee of the Geographical Club. At St. Johns they expect to be joined by the steam whaler Falcon, on which they will sail for North Greenland to look for Lieut. Peary and his party.

The members of the expedition are Professor Wm. Libbey, Jr., of Princeton University, geographer; Professor T. C. Chamberlin, of the University of Chicago, geologist; Dr. Axel Ohlin, of Sweden, zoologist; Dr. H. E. Wetherill, of Philadelphia, surgeon; H. L. Bridgman, of the Brooklyn Standard-Union; Emil Diebtsch, of Port Royal, S. C., civil engineer.

When the Portia sails to-morrow she will have on board the usual Arctic outfit of snow shoes, sledges, ice axes, tents, etc. The vessel